

REMARKS

Claim 10 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 1, 3, 4, and 10 and is now in allowable form in view of the examiner's indication of the allowability of that claim upon the proper rewriting thereof. Previously-allowed claim 14 has been amended in a minor respect to change the preamble to now begin with the words "An actuator" instead of "A clutch actuator," because the association of the actuator with a clutch is recited in the succeeding clause of the claim.

The claims that previously depended from claim 1 have each been amended to depend from allowable claim 10. Additionally, new claims 22 through 28 have been added to depend from allowed claim 14, either directly or indirectly. The newly added claims recite the subject matter of previously-presented claims that originally depended from claim 1 and correspond with those claims as follows:

<u>New Claim</u>	<u>Previously-Presented Claim</u>
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The drawings and the specification were objected to based upon the recitations that were contained in former claims 15 and 17. In that regard, each of those claims had been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer in the

Amendment filed herein on March 31, 2004. Accordingly, those objections are moot and are respectfully requested to be withdrawn.

Applicants' attorney notes with appreciation the allowance of claim 14 and the indication of allowability of the subject matter of claim 10, which has been placed in independent form to render it allowable. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks all the claims now in the application are believed to be in allowable form. Consequently, reconsideration and reexamination of the application is respectfully requested with a view toward the issuance of an early Notice of Allowance.

The examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney if this amendment raises any questions, so that any such question can be quickly resolved in order that the present application can proceed toward allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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